

# How are the Children?

## **More families and children are being seen more often by DCS Family Case Managers:**

- Almost 96% of children received at least one monthly visit by a DCS family case manager in 2011 compared to only 23% in 2007. (This is in addition to visits by service providers.)

## **More children are being adopted or achieving permanency than ever before:**

- In 2011, DCS completed a record number of adoptions - 1,787 compared to only 1,045 in 2004.
- More than 98% of children leave the Indiana child welfare system with a safe, permanent family - Indiana is the 2<sup>nd</sup> best in the nation.

## **More children are placed with relatives or siblings than ever before:**

- In January 2012, 3,453 CHINS were placed in relative care compared to only 1,804 in June 2005.
- In January 2012, DCS placed 74% of siblings together, compared with only 62% in January 2007.

## **More calls alleging child abuse and neglect are being taken and assigned than ever before:**

- Impact of Centralized Indiana Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline

Before (2004)		After (2011)
350 +	Locations Answering Calls	1
86,662	Number of Reports	151,440
46,665	Number of Assessments Sent to Field	94,526
54%	Percent of Assessments Sent to Field	63%
40,007	Number of Assessments not Sent to the Field	56,914
46%	Percent of Assessments not Sent to Field	37%

## **More child welfare organizations are recognizing the efforts of the DCS Family Case Managers:**

October, 2010	Children's Bureau Express article on completion of Indiana's Program Improvement Plan (PIP) and its use as a model for other states.
December, 2011	DCS receives an "A" in Disclosure Practices for Abuse and Neglect Fatality Reporting from the Children's Advocacy Institute
December, 2011	DCS receives the National Excellence in Leadership Award from Casey Family Programs
February, 2012	DCS receives the 2012 Commissioner's Award from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF)